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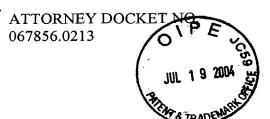
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Guy B. Irving et al.

Serial No.: 09/848,816

Filing Date: May 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2111

Examiner: Khanh Nmn Dang

Title: SERVER CHASSIS HARDWARE MASTER

SYSTEM AND METHOD

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, the undersigned, hereby declare and state that:

- 1. I am over the age of 21 years, of sound mind, and competent in all respects to make this Declaration.
- 2. I am an inventor of the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application, entitled *Server Chassis Hardware Master System and Method*, filed on May 4, 2001 (the "Application").

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- 3. Guy B. Irving and I (the "Inventors") conceived the subject matter of at least Claims 1, 9, 10, 13, and 16 of the Application (the "Invention") prior to July 12, 2000.
- 4. I participated in the design and construction of a prototype that incorporated the subject matter of the Invention. Attached as Exhibit A is the sixth version of a design schematic that was used to construct the prototype.
- 5. During a time period beginning prior to July 12, 2000, and ending upon completion of the prototype, the Inventors worked diligently toward the design and construction of the prototype.
- 6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

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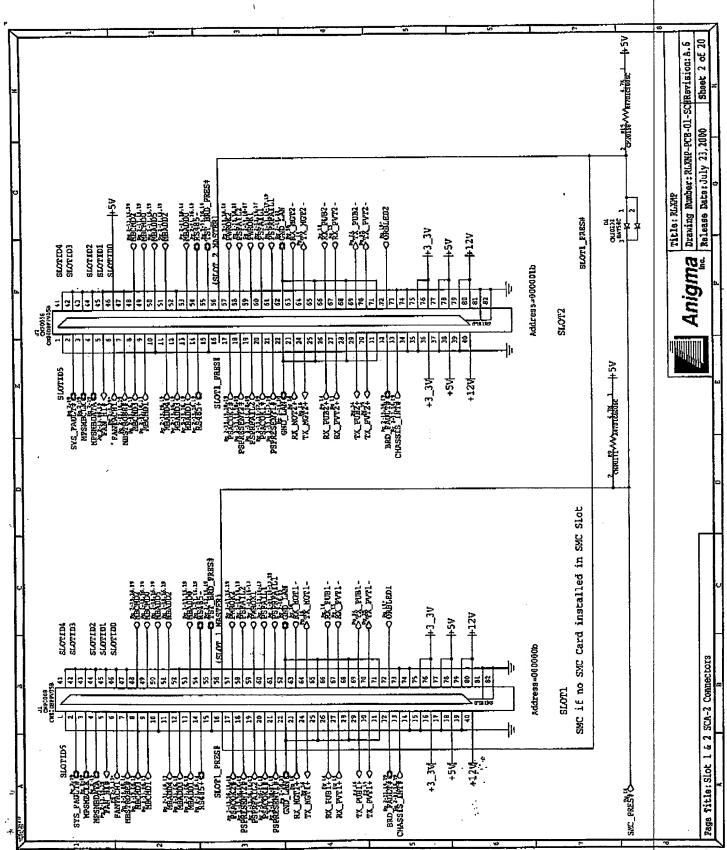
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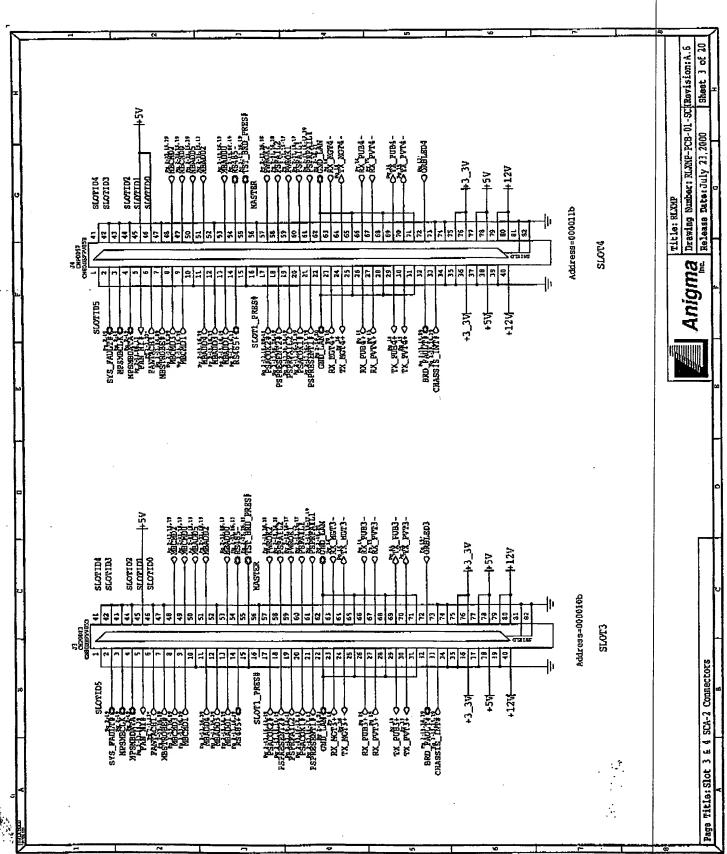
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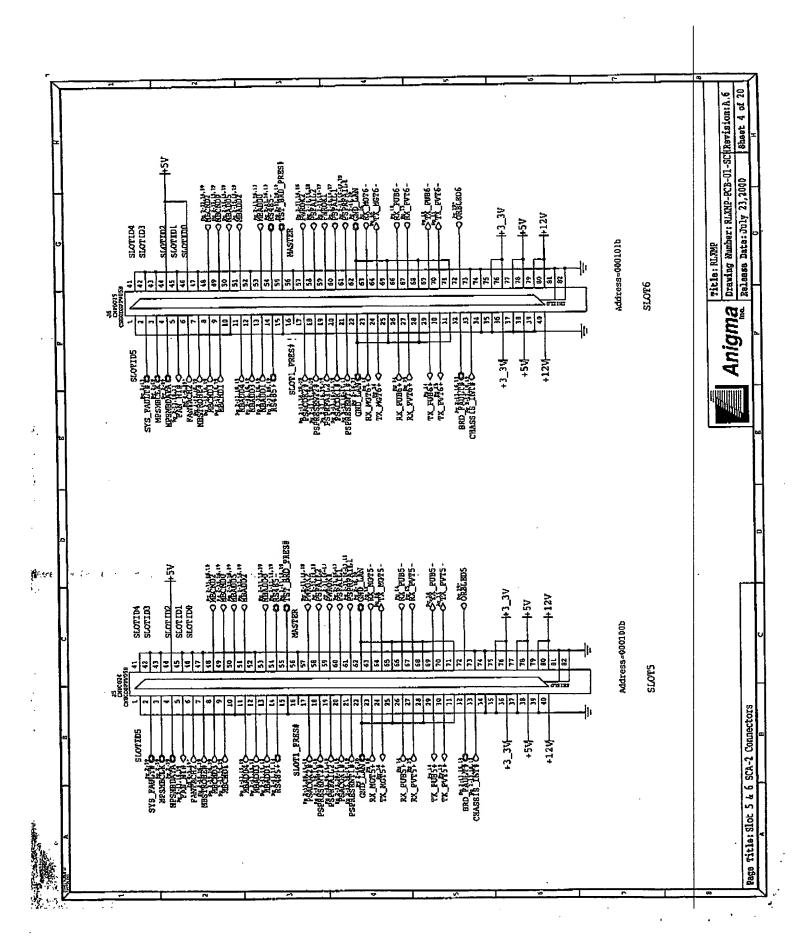
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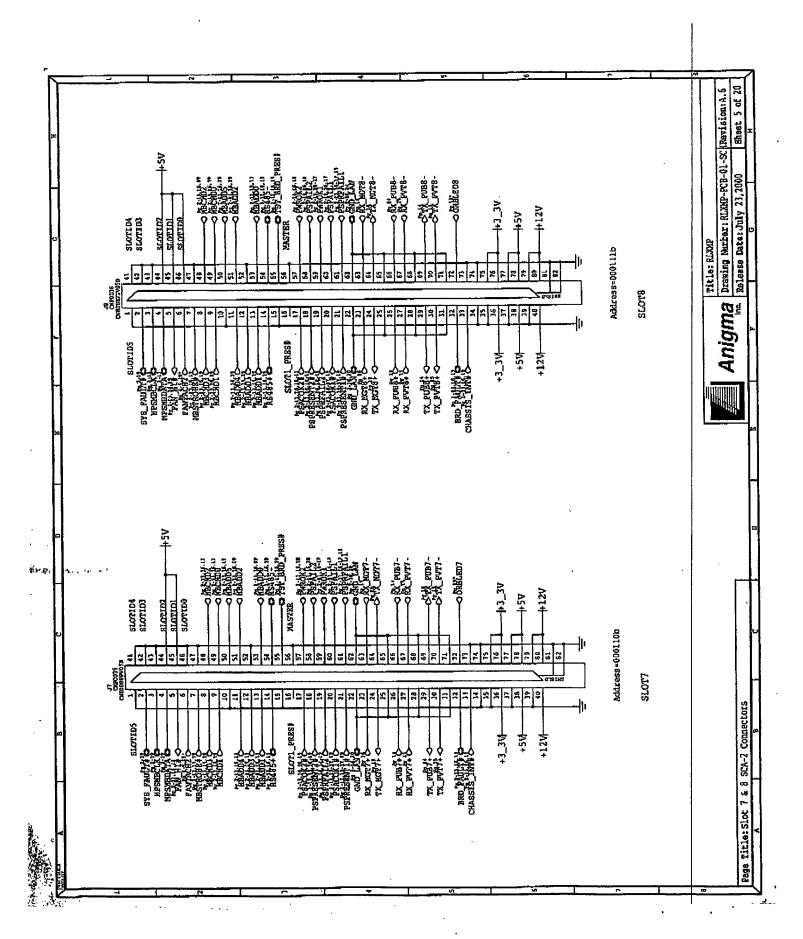


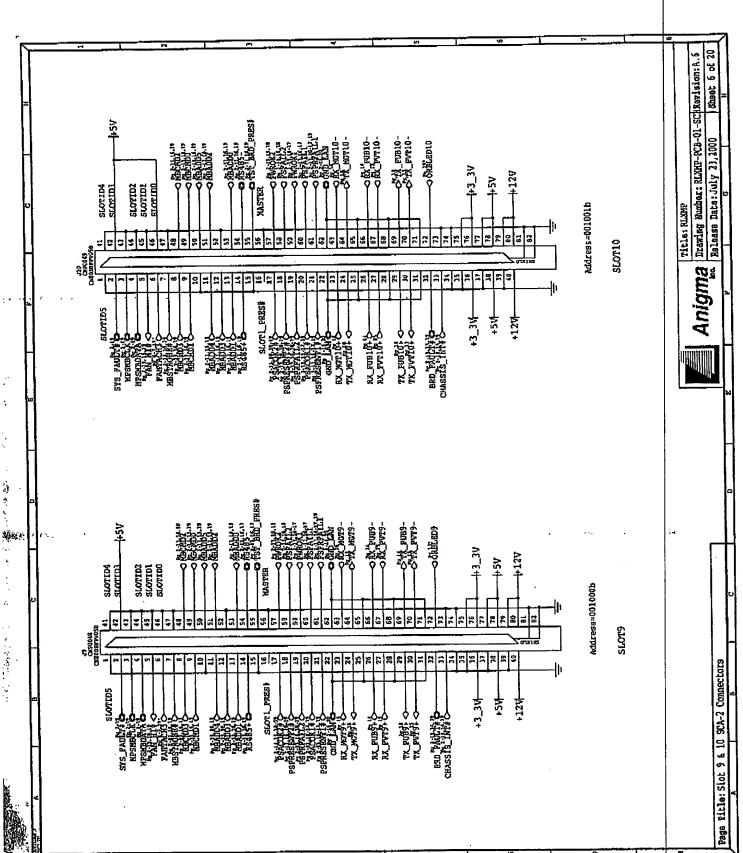
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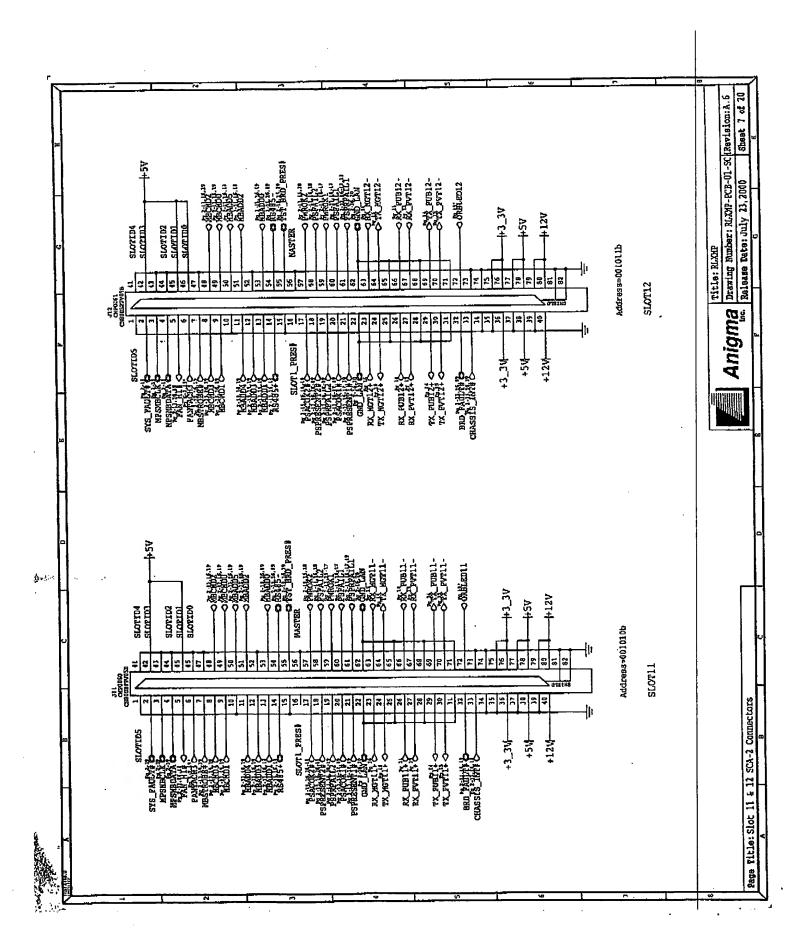


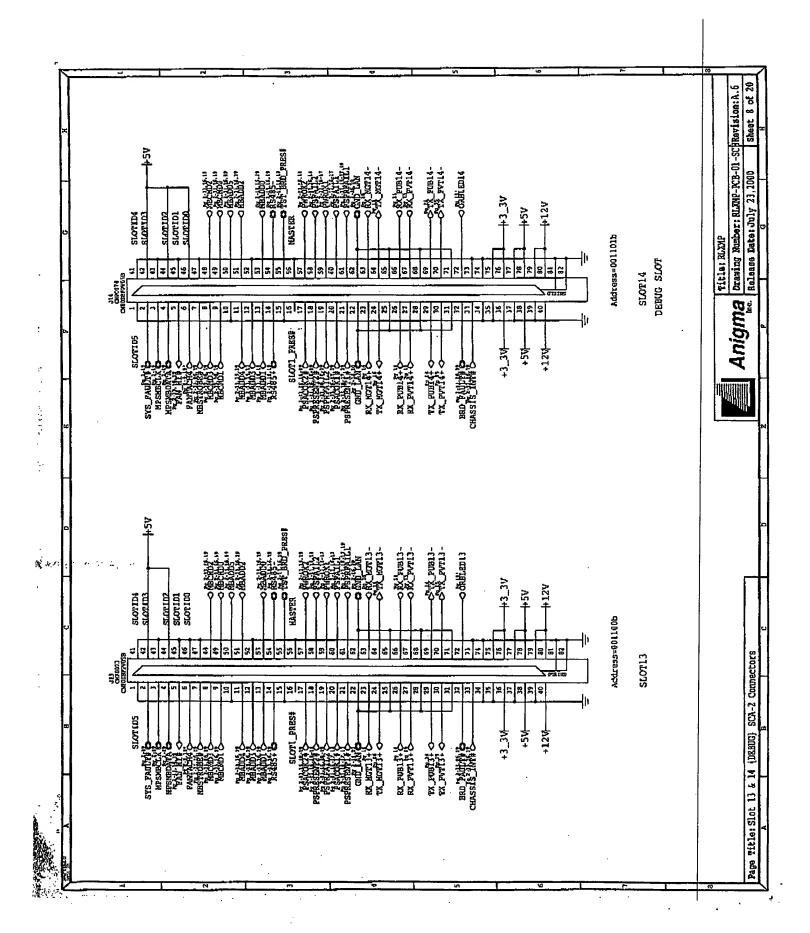


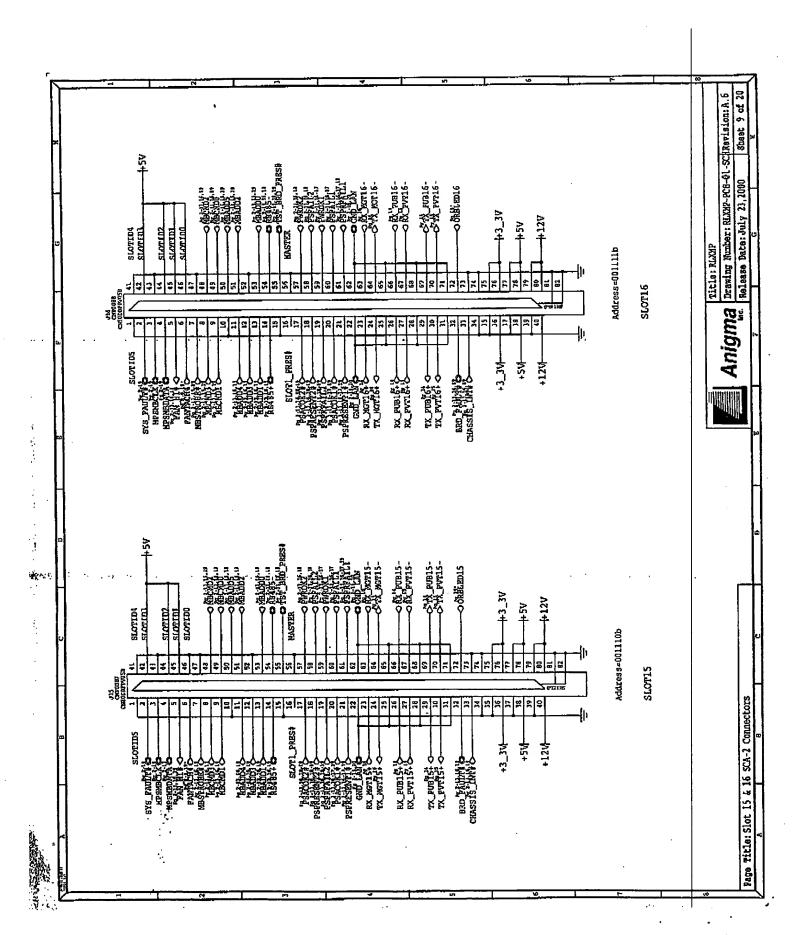


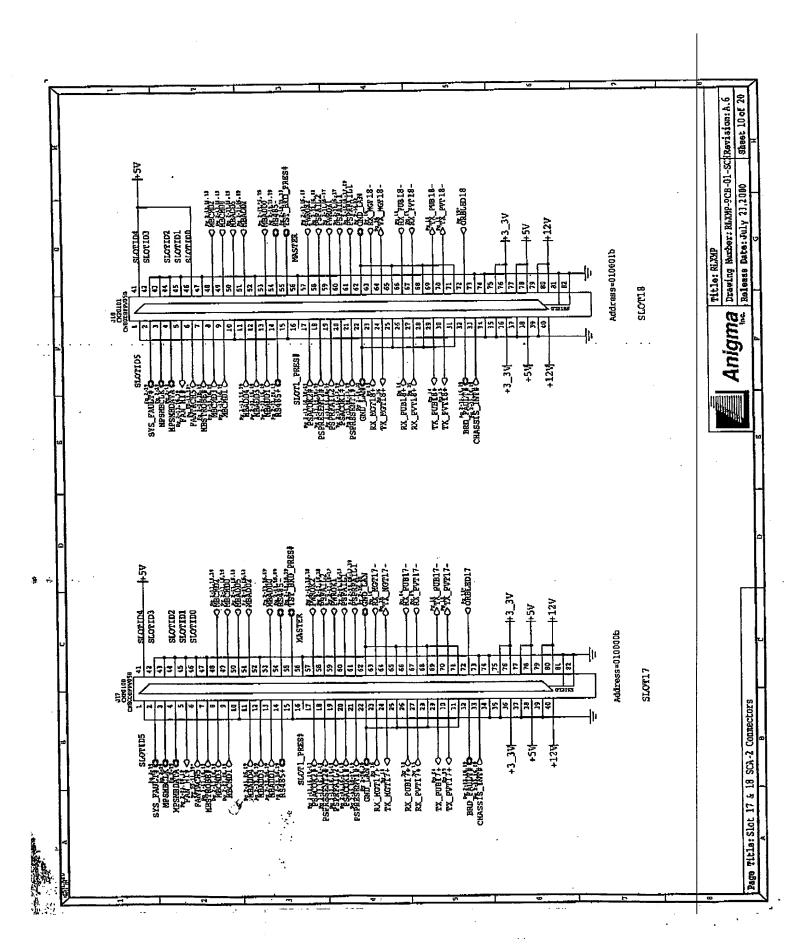
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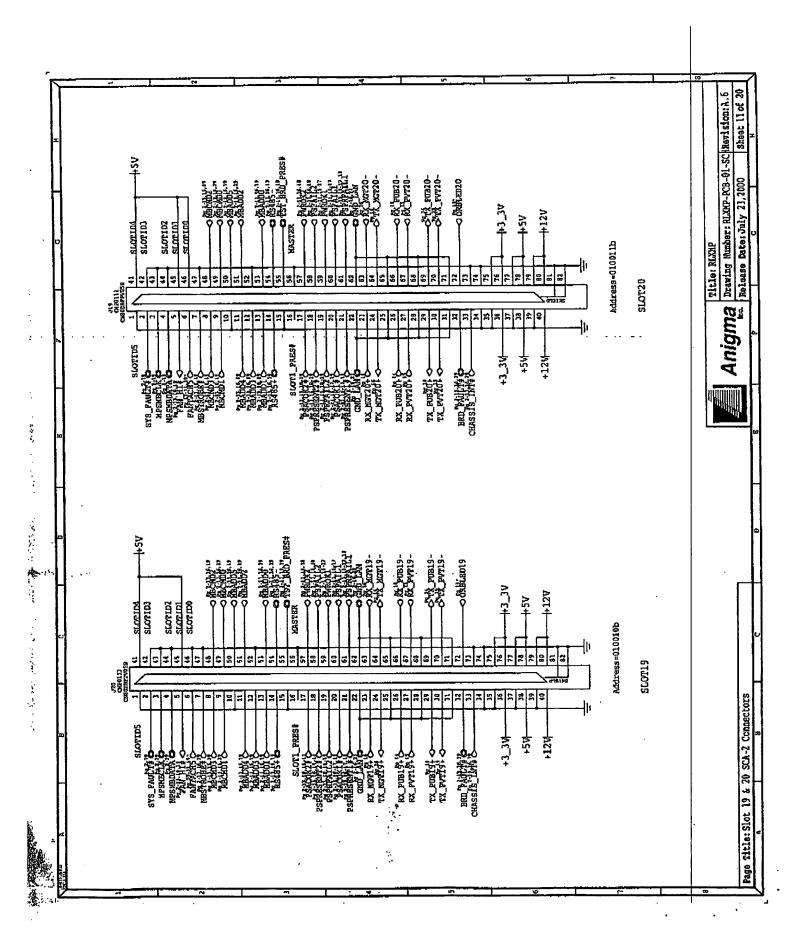
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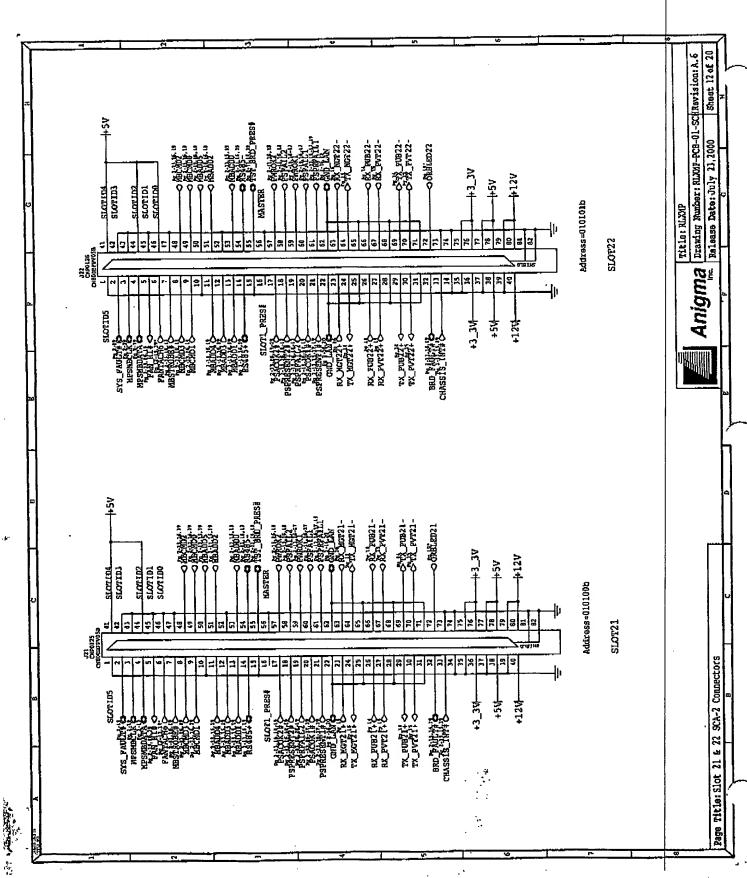


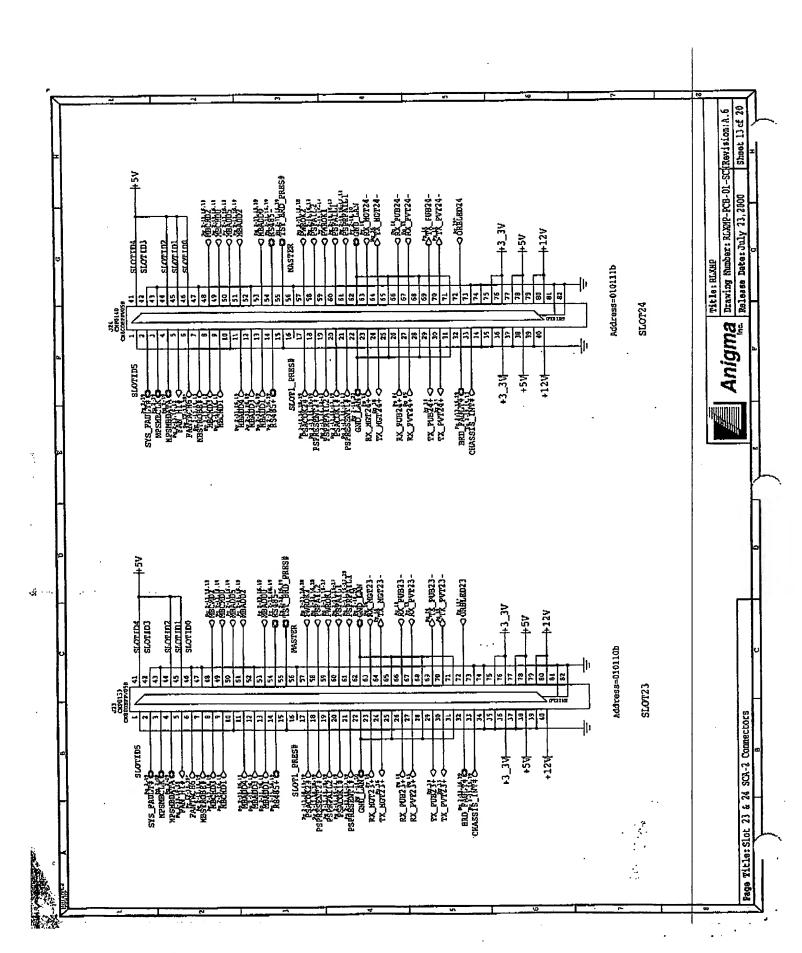


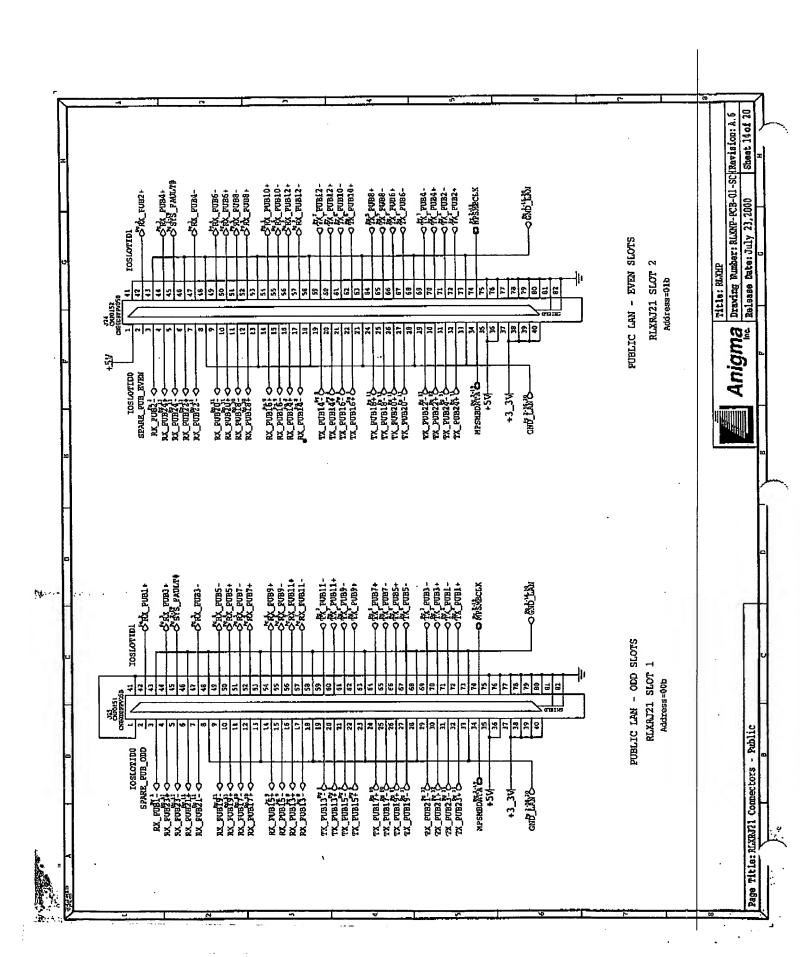


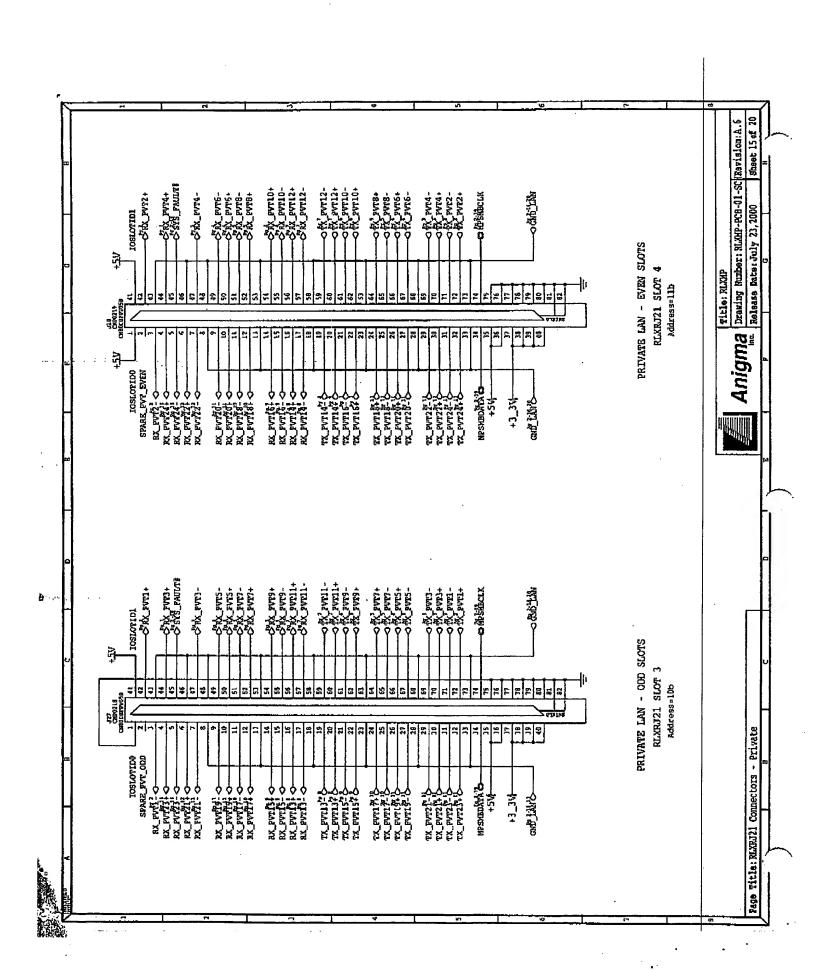


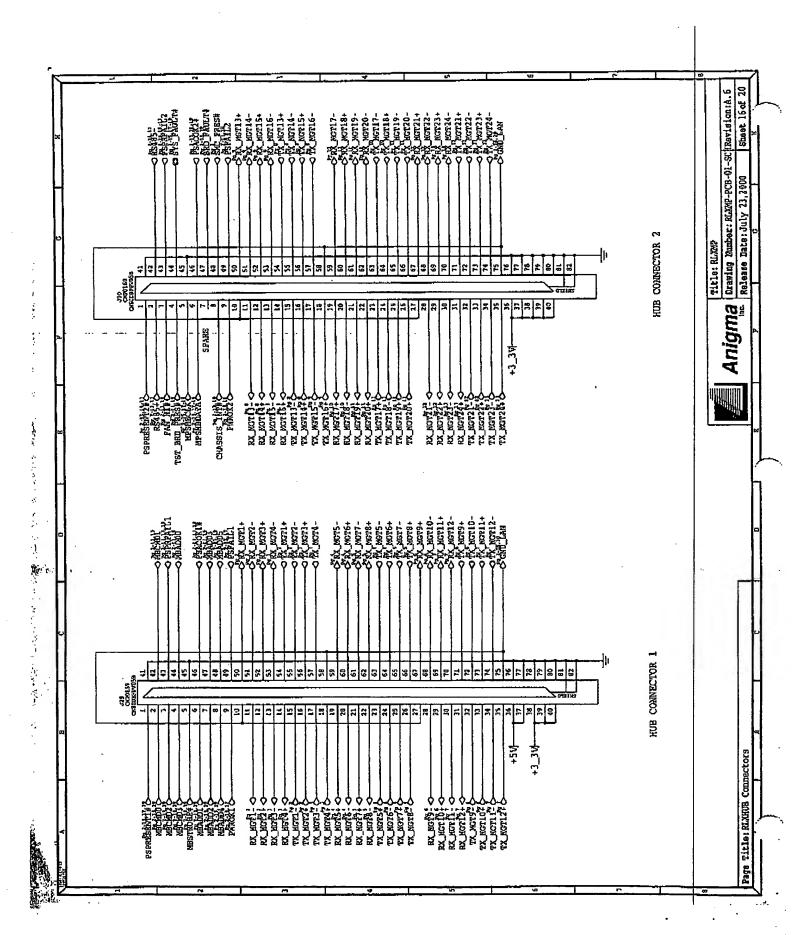


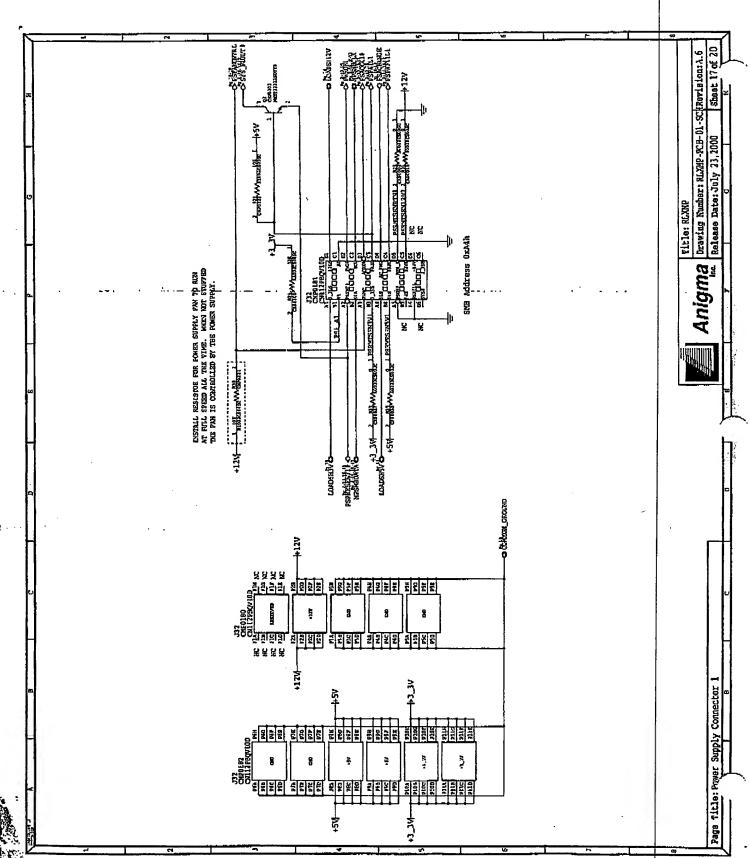












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